



**Council District Six  
City of San Diego**

**Councilmember Frye's  
2006 State of Serra Mesa**

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## ***Traffic Improvements***

### **Signage and Striping Changes**

- School area improvements:
  - Cubberley Elementary School
    - Installed NO U TURN signs on Marathon Drive in front of the school, for both directions.
    - Installed school crosswalk warning signs at the intersection of Marathon Drive and Fermi Avenue
    - Installed 15 MINUTE PARKING 7AM-4PM SCHOOL DAYS signs in front of the school
  - Jones Elementary School
    - Installed 3-MINUTE PASSENGER LOADING 7AM-4PM SCHOOL DAYS signs in front of the school
- Signs and markings:
  - Installed yellow pylons along the centerline on Phyllis Place west of I-805
- Speed limits:
  - Installed a SPEED LIMIT 35 sign for southbound traffic on Murray Ridge south of Larkdale Avenue
  - Installed a SPEED LIMIT 25 sign for northbound traffic on Marathon Drive north of Angwin Place
- All-way stop:
  - Meadow Lark Drive and Vista Hill Avenue
- Stop Sign:
  - Fullerton Avenue at Monarch Street
- Parking:
  - Installed a red curb at the intersection of Gowdy Ave. and Kobe Dr.
  - Installed a blue zone at 8566 Macawa Avenue
  - Removed a blue zone at 7962 Hummingbird Lane
  - Removed a white zone at 2932 Greyling Drive

### **Traffic Signal Modifications**

- Traffic signal modifications are in design for Gramercy Drive/Mission Village Drive at Ruffin Road (install split phasing for northbound and southbound traffic)

## **Traffic Signal Operations**

- Traffic signal retiming:
  - Adjusted the yellow time at Aero Drive and Sandrock Road and Aero Drive and Ruffin Road to meet the City's (new) requirements:
  - Increased the pedestrian crossing time at the intersection of Aero Drive and Sandrock Road

## **Street Lights**

- The following street light is in construction:
  - Celestine Avenue, 416' west of Murray Ridge Road, at end of cul-de-sac

## **Upcoming Traffic Improvements**

Many complaints have been received from residents on Mobley Street concerning cars speeding in their neighborhood. Traffic Engineering looked at Mobley in 2002, but determined that speed humps were not appropriate due to Mobley being an emergency response route. However, Councilmember Frye has requested that this issue be re-evaluated in order to find a solution.

## **Sidewalk on Mission Village Drive**

Councilmember Frye was able to get the "trench" filled on Mission Village Drive. The trench had occurred due to water flowing down the hill. It was 2-3 feet deep in some places and created a hazard for people walking next to it on the sidewalk. It was filled within a month of it being brought to City staff's attention.

## ***Ruffin Canyon***

In 2003, Councilmember Frye worked with Friends of Ruffin Canyon to dedicate Ruffin Canyon as Open Space. This protects the land from building and encroachment. The Friends of Ruffin Canyon are to be commended for their work every week to remove invasive plants and plant native ones in their place.

## ***Serra Mesa Community Park Tot Lot Upgrade***

The playground equipment was upgraded to comply with state and federal safety requirements. The playground resurfacing ensured access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Tot Lot serves children ages 2-5 and 5-12.

## ***Serra Mesa Recreation Center***

Many improvements have been made to the Serra Mesa Recreation Center over the last few years. The Game Room and Tot Room were renovated and brought up to ADA standards as well. The gym was painted and had new skylights installed. The ceiling in the kitchen was replaced and the parking lot was slurry sealed.

### ***Cabrillo Heights Park Comfort Station***

In 2004, a new comfort station was put in that was ADA compliant. In addition, the parking area was repaired to be ADA accessible as well.

### ***Parkview Aero Court Redevelopment***

In October, the City Council supported Councilmember Frye's motion to approve this project, which includes a \$4.4 million developer contribution to be used for the benefit of Serra Mesa parks. It is estimated that \$1.5 million will be used for a joint-use facility at Wegeforth Elementary and an off-leash dog area at Cabrillo Heights Neighborhood Park.

### ***Undergrounding***

On January 13 2006, Councilmember Frye, Mayor Sanders and community members participated in an Undergrounding Groundbreaking Event at 3061 Mobley Street. The first block in the project, known as 6Z, begins at Haveteur Way and Sandroek Road, and extends south in a long narrow strip, following Mobley Street and the connecting side streets. The 6Z block is the largest that has been undertaken by the Utilities Undergrounding Program to date. To check on the progress of this or other undergrounding projects please call the Undergrounding Information Line at (619) 533-3841.

### ***Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library***

Our new library is expected to be open by June. It is now 70 percent complete and promises to be a hub for our community. Councilmember Frye has secured a \$1 million grant from the First Five Commission for the new library's Preschooler's Door to Learning Program. The goal of the First Five Commission is to prepare children for school, so the money will be spent on age appropriate educational tools.

### ***Mission Valley Fire Station***

Until recently, Mission Valley had no fire station and the fire emergency responses had to come from Linda Vista, Kearny Mesa, Hillcrest, Normal Heights, or the College Area. While the ideal response time is six minutes or less, this caused the response time to be nine minutes with no traffic. Last year, Councilmember Frye gained unanimous support from the City Council for establishing and operating a temporary fire station in Mission Valley. Establishing and operating this station for six months will cost \$1.4 million. The design for the permanent fire station is 100% complete, however it will cost \$8 million to construct. Once the funds are secured, it will take approximately two years to build. This will prevent the emergency response resources from being diverted from Serra Mesa.

### ***Community Cleanup***

Councilmember Frye is sponsoring a community cleanup scheduled for March 29. Details will be available shortly.

### ***Serra Mesa Community Fair***

The 2005 Serra Mesa Community Fair was a great success due to the hard work of community volunteers. Councilmember Frye has allocated \$2,000 from the Arts & Culture Commission for this year's fair.

### ***The Safe Homes & Safe and Accessible Sidewalks Programs***

As part of her annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations, Councilmember Frye allocated \$50,000 to the Safe Homes Project, a free service for low-income homeowners that installs screen doors with locks, motion sensor outside lights, deadbolt locksets, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide/smoke detectors. Frye also allocated \$40,000 toward the Accessible Sidewalk Program. This is a free service for residents to request the installation of curb cuts at intersections to make our neighborhoods safe and more accessible for those with disabilities. In 2005, these programs have provided services to more than 20 homes in Serra Mesa and have installed curb cuts at many locations in the community. If you or anyone you know would like more information about these programs, please call Keith Corry in Councilmember Frye's office at (619) 533-6463.

### ***Community Meetings and Frye Lights***

Councilmember Frye meets with members of the community on a monthly basis at the Serra Mesa Recreation Center on the fourth Friday of each month, from noon to 2pm. Please contact her office at (619) 236-6616 to schedule an appointment. Any time you have questions or community issues, you can contact Kristin Camper-Wozniak, the Serra Mesa Council Representative, at (619) 533-6460. There is also a publication available called *Frye Lights*. It is a monthly newsletter where you will find updates and current events from the communities that Councilmember Frye represents. Staff distributes the newsletter at community meetings, and it is available in electronic format on our website at [www.sandiego.gov/cd6](http://www.sandiego.gov/cd6). You can also sign up on this website to automatically receive electronic copies of the newsletter, as well as other updates, in your E-mail.